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Applicants thank the Examiner for carefully considering the subject application. The Examiner has indicated that claims 6 and 11 would be allowable if rewritten. Applicants have added the limitation of claim 6 into claim 1, and rewritten claim 11 in independent form and therefore request that they be allowed. Applicants have also amended the claims as suggested by the Examiner to overcome the Rejection under 35 U.S.C. § 112. Further, claim 18 has been amended to include a limitation similar to that of claim 11.

Based on the foregoing comments, the above-identified application is believed to be in condition for allowance, and such allowance is courteously solicited. If any further amendment is necessary to advance prosecution and place this case in allowable condition, the Examiner is courteously requested to contact the undersigned by fax or telephone at the number listed below.

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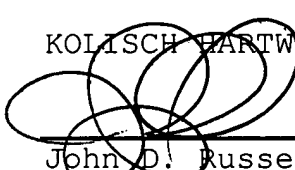
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